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Subject From NPS.gov: Street Legal vehicle access in Turner River Unit

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I would like the ORV committee to look at allowing camp owners to access their private property with a street legal 4x4 as long as that vehicle is inspected and meets all NPS criteria. The park service has put in miles of trails that have been compacted and make it easier for vehicles like this to travel within the preserve. There are several camps right off Buckskin/Popenhagers trail that would benefit from such a ruling. Please keep in mind that the park service uses their Chevy Tahoes in the preserve, why not allow private property owners to do the same? As a matter of traditional and historical use, street legal access was allowed for many many years, it still is allowed in the bear island unit. I used to access my friends camp which now I am part owner with my grandfathers 1965 ford econoline van, this was a 2wd van with 8 ply highway tires and it was his daily work vehicle! In conclusion while it may not be practical for all camp owners to access their camps with these vehicles, for some us it may be. At a minimum maybe allow a time period where when the water is low or dry for their use to and from private property. I may be contacted at 239-784-1328. Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter....Rick Varela